

LITTLE HOPE FOR SUFFRAGE

THOMPSON COAL PROPERTIES ARE FINALLY SOLD

District Court at Pittsburgh Confirmed Huge Transaction Today.

MILLION FOR WEST VA.

Thompson Must Stand Trial on Charge of Bank Wrecking.

[By Associated Press] PITTSBURGH, March 2.—An order was filed in the United States District court here today confirming the sale of the Josiah V. Thompson coal properties to the Piedmont Coal company for an amount said to be between five million dollars and five million five hundred thousand dollars.

The order confirming the sale and disposing of the property was signed by Judge W. H. S. Thompson. The deeds are to be delivered to the purchasers within 30 days.

In accordance with the agreement between the trustees and the Piedmont Coal company last June the company said it would accept the property providing the titles were satisfactory to the trustees of the coal company. Last night the attorneys for the company, Reed, Smith, Shaw & Beal, of Pittsburgh, notified the court at Pittsburgh that the titles were satisfactory and that they would accept the properties. The order is issued today in regard to the case was in accordance with last night's conclusion.

The Thompson properties have been placed over to the Piedmont Coal company and a final decree has been entered in the case, by the court. The consideration is five and one-half million dollars, which the Piedmont Coal company pays to the trustees of the Thompson bankrupt estate in actual cash. Of this \$1,000,000 is paid for the equity in the real estate in West Virginia; \$2,500,000 for the equity in the real estate in Pennsylvania; and \$1,500,000 for the personal property of the bankrupt.

This sum of money—\$5,000,000—will be utilized as follows: \$1,000,000 to be paid to the attaching and judgment creditors of West Virginia; \$2,500,000 to be paid to the attaching and judgment creditors of Pennsylvania; and the balance, \$2,500,000, less the costs, will be paid to the general creditors.

By the purchase of the Thompson properties the Piedmont Coal company assumed the liabilities against the properties, approximating \$14,000,000, which are made up of mortgages, land liens and other encumbrances. With the assumption of encumbrances the company actually pays \$19,500,000 for the properties. During the two and a half years the trustees have sold \$5,000,000 worth of property for the estate and that much of the indebtedness has been liquidated. The total sales made of the estate approximated \$25,000,000.

Five years ago the First National Bank of Uniontown, Pa., failed. Under the receivership of John H. Strawn, the depositors were paid in full—principal and interest, and there (Continued on Page Four)

Crude Oil Goes Above Six Dollars

[By Associated Press] PITTSBURGH, March 2.—Pennsylvania crude oil passed the six dollar mark here today when the Seep Purchasing Agency announced an advance in price of 15 cents a barrel to \$6.10. This is the second advance within two days and the fifth increase since the beginning of the year.

OKLAHOMA OIL PRICES GO UP TO

Advance Made by Sinclair Companies Met by the Others.

[By Associated Press] TULSA, Oklahoma, March 2.—All principal oil purchasing agencies in Tulsa announced at the opening of business today that they would meet the advance of 25 cents a barrel in crude oil made by the Sinclair Oil and Gas companies Monday. Companies announcing the increase were Cosden, Prairie, Texas and Gulf.

Oil Industry In Mexico Booming

[By Associated Press] MEXICO CITY, March 2.—Figures showing the production of petroleum in Mexico increased 45 per cent last year over the record of 1918 were made public at the department of industry and commerce. More than \$100,000,000 has been invested recently in the oil industry of this country and it is stated that since President Carranza began issuing provisional permits to oil men 45 wells have been drilled.

Veteran Oil Man Dies Very Suddenly

[By Associated Press] WASHINGTON, Pa., March 2.—John Cushing, aged 75, veteran oil field worker was stricken with apoplexy today while at work in the machine shop of the Manufacturers Light and Heat company and died within a few minutes.

Mayor to Hear About Fight in Pool Room

There was no police court this morning though one or two hearings will be held this afternoon at three o'clock. The Gray Metz trial on the subject of speeding will come before the mayor at that time as will also the matter of a fight which occurred in the Murphy pool room on Madison street Saturday night.

P. D. Yost forfeited a fine of \$15 when he failed to turn up for hearing on Monday and Earl Miller asked for a hearing later when he might bring witnesses to prove that he fought in self defense. This afternoon Yost will be brought to the hearing to testify and an endeavor will be made by the mayor to ascertain whether Miller should pay a fine of \$15 also.

Officers report that the Murphy pool room is growing more troublesome continually. Thomas Rowland will appear this afternoon to answer charge of cutting through a funeral at Barnesville. Rowland passed through at unusual speed in an automobile.

IRENE SCOTT BURIED. The body of Irene, the eighteen-months' old infant of Tony Scott of Rivesville, was buried this afternoon in Holy Cross cemetery following funeral services held at 3:30 at the Italian Catholic church.

HEAVY LOADING IN FAIRMONT REGION DURING MONDAY

Region Produces 1365 Cars of Coal and Coke—1308 on the B. & O.

MOVEMENT EAST IS GOOD

B. & O. Drew 1004 Loads Over the Mountains on Monday.

With a good car supply yesterday the production leaped up to 1435 cars of coal and coke in the region—1418 cars of coal and 17 cars of coke.

Tonnage on the Monongah division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad yesterday was 1305 cars of coal and coke—1291 cars of coal and 14 cars of coke. This was the heaviest production on the division since January 12 of coal and coke in the region—1418 cars.

In the West Virginia district of the Monongah division on Monday there were 127 cars of coal loaded. In the Pennsylvania district there were 227 cars of coal loaded.

On the Baltimore & Ohio railroad on Monday there were 1126 cars of coal loaded east and 165 cars of coal loaded west. Of the 17 cars of coke loaded, there were 15 cars loaded east and 2 cars loaded west. Four cars of coal were loaded on wagon mines. Good Eastern Move.

East of Grifton the Baltimore & Ohio railroad on Monday drew 1004 loads. There were twenty-four trains. This is the best movement since February.

Fair Run of Cars. Car supply in the Fairmont region is holding fairly well. Today there are 84 cars on the Monongah division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

The early morning placement is 599, which is a little low due to the fact that some of the supplies arrived late in the region. Fifty-six mines are idle today. Today's cars are classified as follows: Open, 391, coke 22; n. e. c. x 25; M. V. T. 3. Cars left over from the previous day were 128. On the Monongah division 136 cars were placed. In the Pennsylvania district there are 85 cars placed. A 30 per cent supply is expected on Wednesday.

Daily Consignments. These consignments were made on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad on Monday: St. George's, 16 cars; Michigan points, 28 cars; Ohio points, 37 cars; miscellaneous points, 72 cars.

Delayed Fuel Loading. The fuel loading in the region was boosted on Monday when 294 loads were produced. The B. & O. railroad received 179 cars in its consignments. Maine Central received 25 cars of coal. New York, New Haven & Hartford, and New York Central tonnage was affected somewhat.

Well on a Trip. G. T. Bell, executive vice president of the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association, left last evening for a trip to Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. He will seek the interpretation of the railroad officials as to the new car services rules.

Clark at Hot Springs. Relatives have received word from Hot Springs, Ark., stating that John A. Clark, of the Clark interests, and son, Kenneth, of the Blair-Parks Coal & Coke company, have arrived safely there.

Their Pickhandle Was Fighting Kind. John Mitch and Louis Kivinski of Four States are now languishing in the county jail on account of imbibing an excess of pickhandle and raising a disturbance Sunday. Kivinski is said to have shown his prowess by kicking two men, but ran up against a snag when he made a contact with Special Officer Charles Clark.

Mitch will also have to explain the presence of a still on his premises.

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FIRST LEAGUE OF NATIONS CONFERENCE IN LONDON



The above picture was snapped during the first League of Nations conference at St. James' Palace, London. Left to right: M. Matsui, of Japan; Balfour of England; M. Bourgeois, of France; Sir Eric Drummond, secretary of the league; M. Ferraris of Italy and M. Quinones de Leon of Spain.

REPUBLICAN DINNER WILL BE REAL FEAST

Expected That Many Republicans From Outside City Will Attend.

Hon. Emmett Snowball, who is to preside at the big Republican rally and banquet which will be held at the Masonic temple Friday night of this week is busy preparing for his part of what will amount to the formal opening of the 1920 campaign in this county, and the indications now are that one of the features of the evening will be short expressions of opinion on the outlook by well known Republicans from all over the county.

The hour for the banquet was purposely set early, 6:30 o'clock, so that the Republicans from the country districts might be able to take it all in and yet get back to their homes the same night. That there will be quite a large attendance from beyond the city limits is proved by the demand for tickets which has come from outside.

The dinner which will be served on this occasion will be worth while on its own account. It will be a regular cooked meal and it will be served in a manner which is bound to commend itself to the diners.

Every mail brings some applications for reservations. The coupon which makes it easy to make sure of a place at the feast is printed on Page 6 today.

Cumberland Negro Not Wanted Here

Deputy Sheriff Howard Adams returned from Cumberland, Md., last night with a man thought to be William Ridley, colored, who shot Jim Briggs, also colored, at the Koppers plant about ten days ago. This morning the deputy took the prisoner to the Miners hospital to see if Briggs could identify him, but the patient asserted that the officers had the wrong pig by the ear. The prisoner claims that a woman named Bessie Ross, of Cumberland, caused his arrest through spite, and that he has never been in this vicinity before. He will be held, however, until the officers hear from the sheriff of Preston county where a man answering the same description is wanted for breaking jail some time ago.

Loss of Money Breaks Down Man's Reason

Nick Naglich, of Grant Town who was brought to the county jail yesterday on a lunacy charge, was this morning ordered committed to the hospital for the insane at Weston for treatment for melancholia. Nick's brother testified that some time ago Nick had a sum of money with which he contemplated making a trip to the old country. While in Wheeling on a pleasure trip about two months ago, Nick was robbed and has been suffering from nervousness and melancholia since that time. Deputy Sheriff Howard Woodward left for Weston with the patient at one o'clock this afternoon.

Oh, Listen Here!

By ADAM S. LANE.

To an interested friend in the Eighth ward I make acknowledgment of a letter received and beg leave to reply as follows:

Dear sir, or madam As the case may be, I take my pen.

In hand to inform You that I am Well and hope you are the same.

As for the matter of the House of Representatives, I hope further to remain well.

It is in this hope That I make this Reply Asking that you Remember The favor that you are Requesting of me.

You will recall That in the Past I have not Withheld My hand from The Plow wherein the Gentleman You have Mentioned Has been Concerned.

I have Dealt With him firmly And Sternly in this Column And each time the Editor Of this newspaper Has Had to take A Licking, because our Arrangement Is—that I Write And he takes The Consequences.

He was right Restive Under the last Threshing Administration, and Hinted That enough was More Than a Plenty.

You see how it is— I, personally, am Unafraid To deal with the Gentleman And his Sidewalk With my usual Pointedness, But the editor is Intimidated Thoroughly.

I judge from Your Letter and the Nature Of your Complaint That you are A Large lady and Object To compressing your Avaricious To meet the requirements Of The scope of the Sidewalk In Question.

I myself live in Eighth Ward And weigh Those to three hundred Pounds. It not only Takes My undivided Attention On this particular Walkway, But I can't Pass Even Archie Koon Without Damage to the Palings.

I sized up the Situation And now Go Around by Fourth Street. As soon as the Editor Feels strong Enough I may give this Matter Further Attention.

Anything else I can Do For municipal Improvement I shall be Glad To attempt, as most Folks Will let me Land On them at Least.

Once without ye ed. Having To go to the Mat Believe me, my Interested Eighth Ward friend and Neighbor, I am yours, Most Cordially and Respectfully, Adam S. Lane.

Professor—some Band Music.

John B. Cook, who had spent the past several days here with his mother, Mrs. John R. Cook, on Fairmont avenue, has returned to Morgantown to resume his studies at the university.

HOUSE WILL VOTE AT FOUR O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON

Effort to Be Made to Get the Senate to Reconsider.

COLD DEAL FOR MARYLAND

Neither Side Wanted to Have Anything to Do With Invaders.

[By Associated Press] CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 2.—To await action of the senate in an attempt to reconsider its action of yesterday in rejecting the national suffrage amendment the house of delegates this morning made the resolution there a special order of business for four o'clock this afternoon. The senate was scheduled to convene at 2 o'clock.

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian.) CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 2.—Ratification of the Woman's Suffrage amendment to the United States Constitution is apparently lost in the West Virginia legislature.

Supporters of the cause who have worked ardently and faithfully are redoubling their efforts today to make up for the ground lost yesterday when the initial vote was polled in the senate and resulted in a tie at fourteen all.

But there will be a disposition to refuse to reconsider the resolution for adoption of the amendment this afternoon and there is a more than an even chance that the Mountain State will not become a party of the states ratifying the Anthony amendment.

In the house yesterday Speaker Wolfe ruled that the resolution to ratify could not be brought up until the certified copy of the amendment sent by the secretary of state could be brought to the house. That copy has been sent to the body and it will probably arrive upon the question today.

One or two suffrage workers this morning admitted that they had lost in the house by possibly four or five votes. It is claimed that the senate's action has a more or less psychological effect upon the members of the house of delegates and that there will be 48 of the possible 90 votes polled against suffrage.

However, the house is arguing the question of putting the matter to the test of the vote of the people at the Maryland election.

One of the bills introduced in the house yesterday afternoon by Delegate Kayser, called for a referendum on the suffrage question.

Senators Harmer and Gribble from Harrison and Doddridge counties, did not open fire in debate yesterday afternoon as had been expected. It was evident that the senators from the same district and opponents in the suffrage fight are going to have a real verbal battle and are only saving their ammunition for the resolution in the morning. Both are known to be clever speakers and are said to have an exhaustive fund of information upon the subject in stock.

Petitions from Clarksburg, Fairmont and Morgantown featured yesterday in the session. Clarksburg was the point about which charges and counter charges made by the suffragists and the opponents. No sooner had Senator Harmer introduced a resolution and had it read into the record than Senator Gribble started reading counter petitions and having them read also. These petitions came from Clarksburg, entirely where the fight between the suffragists and the anti-suffragists is a merry one. In fact, Clerk John T. Harris became confused and started calling Gribble the senator from Harrison and Harmer the senator from Doddridge. He did it several times, a fact which caused some confusion and some tittering from the galleries.

Petitions from the Fairmont W. C. T. U. Woman's Club and other civic organizations were heard and the petition from the Piedmont Civic Club which read "It would be one proud day for us when the news is flashed over the wires that suffrage was brought a round of applause. Petitions from Morgantown were signed by Mrs. Mildred Barker, Mrs. Stella A. White, Mrs. J. M. Callahan and J. N. Deal of the Department of Education, West Virginia university.

From Fairmont, the petitions were signed by Mrs. Walter Harman, Mrs. N. C. Morrow, Mrs. H. O. Ames, and others.

A story is going the rounds this morning that indicates President Lincoln is rather out of luck and his friends are joking him about it freely. It is said that directly after the vote (Continued on page four.)

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